



Michael Jackson's **BAD** premieres on TV

Worldwide debut for new album and video

Michael Jackson's new album, video and his first world solo tour will be launched in a simultaneous world premiere on Channel 9 tomorrow night.

The 30-minute special, *The Magic Returns*, will be hosted by Channel 9's MTV host Richard Wilkins and features a 12-minute video clip of the same name as his new album, *Bad*. It will start at 8 p.m.

Bad — the video clip — features dance, music and of course, Jackson's voice, and was produced and directed by Martin Scorsese.

Bad — the album — is Jackson's first since *Thriller*, which was released five years ago. As of

June 1, some 38½ million copies of *Thriller* had been sold worldwide.

Bad contains 10 songs, eight written by Jackson. The debut single, *I Just Can't Stop Loving You*, a duet with Siedah Garrett, was released last month. Jackson's duet with Stevie Wonder in *Just Good Friends* is a special feature of the album.

His world tour will start in Tokyo on September 12. He will then tour Japan before coming to Australia on November 3.

Jackson's Brisbane concert at the QEII stadium on November 27 will be his last in Australia.

He will then continue the tour in New Zealand, America and Europe.

Jackson bounces back and it is Bad!

Channel Nine is in on a special worldwide event tomorrow — the release of Michael Jackson's new album and video, *Bad*.

The album which follows *Thriller*, the biggest selling album of all time, is being released simultaneously across the world.

Michael Jackson Special: *Bad*, a half-hour documentary, which includes the 18 minute *Bad* video and looks at the making of the much awaited disc, screens at 8pm.

The video was scripted by novelist Richard Price and is a screenplay about a private school boy killed in a Harlem hold-up.

That clip was filmed in New York suburbs last November and the total bill was more than \$1.5 million.

Michael Jackson Special — *Bad*, produced and directed by Martin Scorsese, is hosted by MTV's Richard Wilkins.

It looks at the way the American superstar faces the prospect of putting together an album and video to rival *Thriller* — which earned itself a place in the Guinness

Book of Records after notching up sales of 38 million.

ABOVE: Michael Jackson before his face job.

RIGHT: The singer as he now looks.

The mega success of the *Thriller* album and the accompanying multi-million dollar video clip, left Jackson with a daunting prospect — the follow up goods had at least to match up.

Reports have it that Jackson was scared witless about bringing out a lesser piece of vinyl, fearing a sharp critical backlash if he failed to produce as expected.

So the fragile and eccentric dance king enlisted the help of some of the music industry big wigs. One was Stevie Wonder, who duets with Michael on a track called *Just Good Friends*.

Another duet is the latest single, *I Just Can't Loving You*, which Michael sings with Seidah Garrett. Guitarist Steve Stephens, of the Billy Idol Band, also guests on some tracks as does jazz luminary Jimmy Smith.

And the whole kaboodle was produced by Quincy Jones, who worked with Jackson on his *Off The Wall* album and also produced the movie, *The Colour Purple*.

Eight of the 10 tracks were written by MJ himself. And One was penned by former Twilights guitarist Terry Britten in partnership with Graham Lyle.

That duo was responsible for Tina Turner's number one hit, *What's Love Got To Do With It*. — **Lynnette Cassells.**

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